

Remarks

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner:

(1) objected to claims 61-63 because these claims are the same as claims 55-57;

(2) rejected claims 36-37, 42, 55, 61, 65-67 and 84 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Teng et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0153743) ("Teng");

(3) rejected claims 56-60 and 62-63 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng in view of Marsh et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0053789); and

(4) objected to claims 38-41 and 43-45 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to Item 1 above, Applicants have canceled claims 61-63 in order to correct the informality pointed out by the Examiner.

In response to Items 2 and 3 above, Applicants have canceled claims 36, 37, 42, 55-60, 65-67 and 84, without prejudice, in order to expedite issuance of the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute all canceled subject matter in related applications.

In response to Item 4 above, Applicants have amended claims 38 and 43 to rewrite these claims in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Lastly, Applicants note that, although claim 41 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, this claim was canceled in the Amendment filed on January 11,

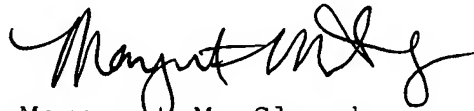
2007. Accordingly, Applicants have not amended this claim to rewrite it in independent form.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 38-40 and 43-45 are allowable, and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

In the event that any fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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